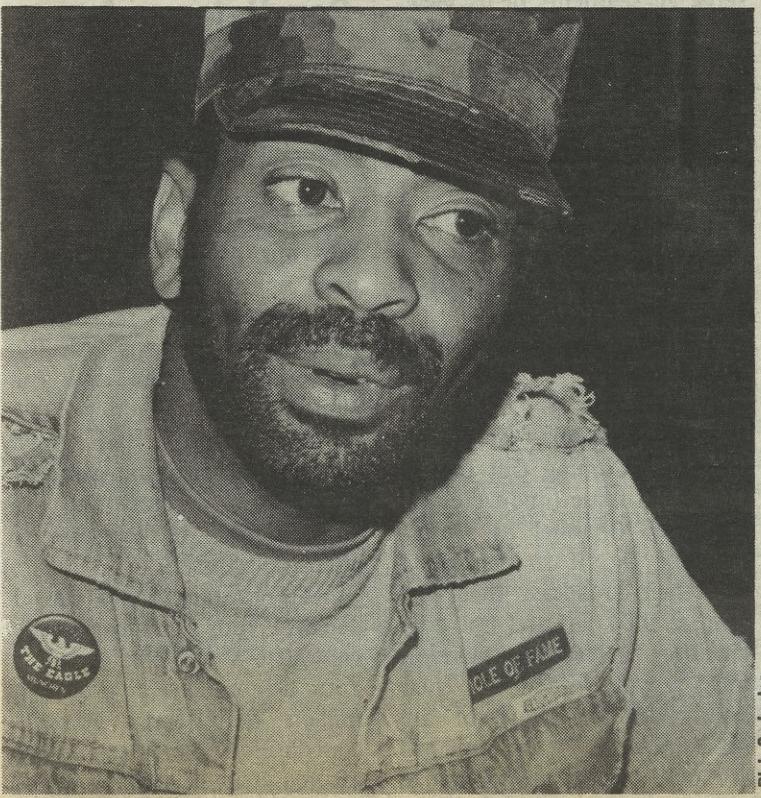


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Perry Watkins has fought for years to be reenlisted in the Army.

Gays and Lesbians Win, Domestic Partners Passes **Lavender Sweep in SF Elections**

by Keith Clark

Adramatic late-night turn around resulted in a positive outcome for San Francisco's domestic partnership bill and for both of the openly lesbian candidates for the City's Board of Supervisors.

Carole Migden, the openly lesbian chair of the City's Democratic Central Committee and one of the three leading fundraisers in the crowded slate of 25 candidates for five vacant seats on the 10-person Board, had received an impressive array of political endorsements, including Democratic gubernatorial candidate Dianne Feinstein, California Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, and the Police Officers Association.



Carol Migden hugs Harry Britt as the election results come in.

Civil rights attorney Roberta Achtenberg, the executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights who made an impressive but unsuccessful bid for a state assembly seat in 1987, was also one of the top three money candidates in the election. She ran with the endorsement of San Francisco

Mayor Art Agnos, the "San Francisco Examiner" and a wide assortment of community organizations.

...assuring the election of both women to the board.

Earlier Tuesday night both Migden and Achtenberg quickly fell disappointingly behind a half-dozen other candidates only to start gaining as more precincts reported in during the course of the evening and early morning hours.

By Wednesday, as all but a few thousand absentee ballots counted, Migden and Achtenberg had moved into the number three and four spots respectively, assuring the election of both women to the Board.

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Military Overruled on Gay Discharge **Watkins To Reenlist**

by Stacy Selmants

On November 5, 1990, Perry Watkins - an openly gay man drummed out of the military for being gay - got his job back.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in an historic move and in direct opposition to the wishes of President Bush, upheld an Appeals Court decision requiring the Army to allow Watkins to reenlist.

Watkins, now 42, was informed by a review board in 1982 that the Army would be discharging him, stemming from a change in Army policy in 1981 requiring the discharge of all homosexuals. Before the separation could occur, the action was blocked by a federal judge's order, which the Army immediately challenged. A three-judge appeals court ruled that Watkins be forced to accept an honorable discharge in 1984.

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The Election is Over, Now What?

by Stacy Selmants

Now that the commercials are again filled with dancing cats and earnest young housewives instead of the guttersniping of political candidates, we have the time to study the aftermath of the last election.

What are the implications of the results of the November 6 election, and how do they affect gays and lesbians? Will the expected changes at the Capitol alter our clout and limit our

access to legislators?

Public policy underwent changes as the voters lashed back at legislators through the passage of Proposition 140,

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Gov.-elect, Pete Wilson.

!!! I MUST SAY!

Ashamed of Bigotry Over Rainbow Flag

Dear Governor,

I am writing to express my concerns over the Rainbow Flag being flown on the State Capitol today.

I am a parent of two beautiful school aged children. My husband and myself are trying to teach them that there is no room in this world for prejudice of any kind.

We explained to our children the importance of National Coming Out Day and the flying of the Rainbow flag, telling them that the Gay Community had been the target of prejudice for many years and that the flying of the Rainbow flag at the capitol sent a message to all of California that it is time for the bigotry to end.

It is extremely regrettable that they will learn from the news media that the flag was removed from the capitol because of protests from a segment of the public that still believes that prejudice against human beings is an

acceptable practice.

I can not express my disappointment in your office's decision to support the protesters request of removing the flag. I further regret that I will have no explanation to give to my children other than acknowledgement that this state is still heavily influenced by bigots and that our government allows this to continue.

I sincerely hope that this practice of discrimination ceases and that my children will have an opportunity to be part of a world in which they are not governed by prejudice.

Sincerely,
Linda Ferguson

Channel 40 Speak Up, Bob Get a Job

Editor,

The coverage of the "rainbow flag at the State Capitol" story by KTXL channel 40 was appalling. Why was this crucial and multifaceted story framed as a one dimensional "commentary" by News Director Bob Cook? Usually Bob has no

problem proclaiming his sentiments on a gamut of conservative issues. There is no doubt where Mr. Cook stands on the issue of gay rights, but why was his tongue tied this time?

Other Sacramento news media, such as the Sacramento Bee and KCRA, reported the story as hard news, with customary unbiased accuracy. There is an important distinction between "commentary" and "reporting" a news story. The "rainbow flag" story surely should have run as a hard news story with equal treatment given to all sides of the issue.

TV 40 selected interviewees that associated pedophilia, transvestism and bestiality with homosexuality - an association shown, through countless scientific inquiries, to be more strongly correlated to heterosexuality. Why was no attribution given to Jerry Sloan (bearded man), director of the gay/lesbian Lambda Community Center of Sacramento? His positive comments are made ambiguous by not identifying him as a spokesperson for the gay/lesbian community.

If News Director Bob Cook espouses such narrow views and constructs his commentary to reflect hate and bigotry, it follows that this is also the view of TV 40 and its owners and management. By running the story as commentary, TV 40 gave themselves the opportunity to expose their true position on gay rights.

Look around TV 40! Ten percent of the adult population is gay or lesbian. It follows that there are gay and lesbian people working in the State Capitol building and at

TV 40. Most importantly, gay/lesbian viewers spend dollars supporting your advertisers. You might not see all gay/lesbian people, but then again that is what "National Coming Out Day" was all about! Even couched as commentary, TV 40 is licensed to serve all segments of its viewers and is not exempt from practicing ethical and fair journalism.

David Welton

Channel 31 Had the Worst Coverage

Editor,

Regarding your "Media Review" of Coming Out Day in the recent issue (mid-October), I noticed Channel 31 wasn't on your list. It so happens I saw their broadcast that evening at 9:00 pm and not only did they neglect to mention C.O.D. but headlined their news with the story of the AIDS molester. I was appalled at such blatant disrespect & neglect and sent them a letter indicating my feelings as such. It appears our local UHF

Channels didn't do so well with this one!

Thanks for your excellent coverage! Keep up the good work. It's a pleasure to read your paper.

M. Townsend

Gay Veteran Angry at Ferguson

Assemblyman Ferguson,

Your caustic remark equating our gay flag with pedophile is irresponsible, insulting and degrading to millions of homosexual citizens of the State of California and the United States.

Do you equate the United States Flag with the rampant heterosexual adultery and the large number of heterosexual child molesters?

As a veteran of two wars I deplore your unconscionable comment about our gay flag. Your action negates over two million homosexual veterans contribution to freedom. Be assured that we shall continue to put the gay flag "in your face", until all citizens of the

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AROUND TOWN

Many Contributions Recognized at Lambda Awards

The 1990 Lambda Awards Dinner on October 25th recognized the achievements and contributions of some of Sacramento's most giving people.

The River City Democratic Club sponsors this event every year and RCDC President Karl Green oozed with enthusiasm as he welcomed the audience to the 7th annual event at the Sacramento Community Center.

Marghe Covino was the mistress of ceremonies for the evening, and with that title she kept the crowd in line with her playful digs and nurturing strokes of the audience. Comedienne Maureen Brownsey addressed the mostly democrat audience with timely political jokes that slammed republicans.

One of the many highlights of the evening was keynote speaker Stan Hadden as he spoke about his vision for the Democratic Party and the gay

community at large. He shared his insight of the AIDS epidemic and took a risk by asking those who are HIV+ to stand to witness the toll AIDS may take on our community. Standing ovation followed as this inspirational speaker left the podium.

The first people to be acknowledged during the dinner were the men and women who have made outstanding contributions to the Sacramento gay community, including; the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire for all of the money they have raised for local charities, Wayne Wilson for his many contributions. Lee Nichols for his outstanding leadership, Arturo Jackson III for creating the Positive Social Support



Rick Gerhart

1990 Lambda Award recipients from left; Muriel Follansbee, Rev. Merrill Follansbee, Gary Miller, Dr. Elisabeth Harrison, Norm Frohwein, and Linda Birner.

Newsletter and his work as AIDS editor of the latest ISSUE, Bobbette of the Mercantile Saloon for his famous tacos for charity, Willis Bennett and Robert Bequette for the creation of the Acropolis

computer board for gays and lesbians, Sonya Cox for her excellent AIDS reporting in MGW newspaper, Paul Davis of the Townhouse for his undaunted spirit of giving to local charities, Lady Garnet

and Leonard Harris for the continual fundraising, and production of community events, and Ron Robie - sheriff, for his support.

As all were finishing dinner continued on page 20

Giving All She Has For LIFE

by Brenda Robinson

Although new to Sacramento, Laurie McBride is certainly no neophyte to the political arena, nor to successfully promoting lesbian and gay issues.

"I am an ardent feminist and I believe that gay rights, and women's rights and the rights of racial minorities are all part of the same package. We're striving to find the space to exist in a society where the aryan white warrior is held up as the supreme ideal. We have to fight that in our own hearts, and in our own minds as well," McBride said.

That seems to be the guiding principle and objective of McBride's career as a lesbian activist, and it is some-



Laurie McBride.

thing she continues to fight for in her new position as Executive Director for the LIFE AIDS Lobby, a statewide organization founded in 1986 to address AIDS related public policy.

"I'm tired of being defended in negative terms. Our lives and families are not criminal," she said.

McBride, who took command of the notoriously unruly LIFE AIDS Lobby last May, described the experience as, "jumping on skis that were already headed down the

hill."

The lobby is comprised of 80 affiliate groups; each group holds a seat on the lobby's board of directors. That's right. The LIFE AIDS Lobby is run by an 80-member board - enough to drive any executive director, well, just about anywhere but to a board meeting.

"We have everything from ACT UP/LA on the left to Log Cabin clubs on the right, and AIDS service providers who want to affect public policy but don't want to be political," McBride said. Some affiliate groups include: Gay Rights Chapter of ACLU - North, River City Democratic Club, CAP/PAC, AIDS Legal Referral Panel, and Valley Business Alliance, among others.

Perhaps it is McBride's attitude about this complex and varied board that will be the key to her success.

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You are a disgrace to the American cause for equality. You owe every peace loving citizen an apology.

Chuck Schoen

Any Gays Go To Christ Unity?

Editor,

I have been attending Christ Unity Church located at 1415 L Street. I had previously attended a Unity church in Seattle which has a large gay and lesbian group which meets weekly at the church to provide fellowship, education, and worship for gay and lesbian members. I asked the minister of Christ Unity Church, Phillip Pierson, if a similar gay and lesbian group could be started here in Sacramento. He stated that he and the church leadership did not feel that such a group serves the highest purpose of the church nor the individual needs of gays and lesbians who attend church. He also stated that he and the church leadership had confirmed this with several participants of the church who are leaders in the gay and lesbian movement in our community. Are there any gays and lesbians out there who attend Christ Unity Church and would like to start a gay and lesbian group? If so, please let the leadership at Christ Unity Church know.

David Gray

Yea Sure, Write a Letter!

Editor,

Please run this letter in your publication. Thank you.

Dear Governor Deukmejian:

This morning I telephoned your office to express my sadness/frustration and disappointment that the Rainbow Flag commemorating National Coming Out Day has been lowered from the Capitol Flagpole.

Your staff indicated that in order to find out WHY the

flag had been removed, I should write a letter.

So, here is my letter.

Why was the Rainbow flag removed? How is this different from an Earth Day Flag, and a Prisoner of War/MIA flag, or a Black History Month Flag?

If in fact Joint Rules did not have authority to permit the flag to be raised, why do requests have to be submitted to Joint Rules?

If the Governor's office is the final authority, why didn't your office have a copy of the "guidelines" about flags flying over the Capitol. Your staff informed me this morning they were "in the process of getting a copy of the guidelines."

Finally, I'm curious about the process in your office regarding handling of mail. Nearly every Friday for almost two years I have mailed or hand delivered letters and copies of obituaries from the lesbian and gay press from people who have died of AIDS. I have never had any sort of response. So when your staff said "Write a letter" -- the first thing I did was laugh.

In the time since I've begun writing your office I've gone from having HIV infection -- to having AIDS. I was diagnosed two weeks ago. I am hopeful that there will be a response while you are still Governor, and while I am still alive.

Warm Regards,
Stan Hadden

Rodeo Anyone?

Editor,

My name is Randy Jacobs and I am the President of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association, Bay Area Chapter. The purpose of our organization is to promote interest and participation in Rodeo within the Lesbian and Gay community.

The geographic boundaries of our chapter cover most of Northern California but up until recently our membership has been concentrated around the San Francisco Bay and Northern Coast areas. I know that there is great interest in Rodeo within the Central Valley and I would like to make your readers in that area aware of the existence of our organization. The Bay Area Chapter is on the move in the coming years as we make plans to bring Gay Rodeo back to Northern California.

I would like to invite anyone who is interested in join-

ing our association, or just learning more about us, to contact us at:

G.S.G.R.A. - B.A.C.
P.O. Box 14398
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Chapter Hotline (415) 863-4487

It's not necessary to own a horse, or even know how to ride, to be a member of our association. All that is necessary is a willingness to be involved with a group of people that has a great time doing what we do. I look forward to hearing from members of your community soon.

Sincerely,
Randy L. Jacobs
President, G.S.G.R.A. - B.A.C.

"Sauce For the Goose..."

Editor,

We could not escape the noises being made in certain quarters. Noises proclaiming, in the name of decency, "moral fiber" and protecting our most precious resource (our children), that Heavy Metal and related obscene, irreligious and damaging music should, no, "must" be banned! We say Hooray! Three cheers for our protectors! They are what our country needs. Why could not our founding fathers see that when they drew up our constitution?

Only, as we sit here applauding this brave and revolutionary stand, a stray thought crossed our minds: Some where in this great land of ours there must be someone who finds the music of the fifties offensive, or jazz, or classical, or music of ethnic/non-american origin offensive. They have every right to have them banned to protect their children from obscene, irreligious and damaging music.

Well, Hooray for them, too! Three cheers for our protectors! After all it is for the good! What if we turn on the radio and only hear news, sports and commercials?

Only what if those are found to be objectionable. Oh, well so our radios go silent? We still have our books, magazines and films. Has it occurred to you, it has to us, that these too can be considered objectionable by some. And what about the clothes we wear or the food we eat,

the very children we wish to protect? They too can be found objectionable and will have to be banned!

Impossible? Insane? Ridiculous? That's what the world thought in the 30's and 40's; but Hitler and Stalin showed 'em didn't they? Indeed what is sauce for the goose well may become sauce for the gander.

Carl R. Henry

Judge Powell Regrets Ruling

Dear Justice Powell:

I was at first glad to read in the national media (Washington Post, October 26) that you regret your vote in Bowers v. Hardwick. You cast the deciding vote to uphold the Georgia law criminalizing private, adult, consensual sex and you supported with your swing vote a decision that denies personhood and the fundamental right of privacy for lesbian and gay people in the United States.

I thought your misgivings about the vote expressed an understanding of what the decision has meant to us. Evidently I was wrong, because you also said that the Bowers vote has not occupied even 30 minutes of your time since you made the decision.

The case brought by Michael Hardwick was not "frivolous." The courts decision has done much damage to lesbians and gay men. Since gay people are so manifestly invisible to most heterosexuals, I have listed below some examples of the impact of Bowers.

- Since Bowers, at least four men in Tennessee have stood trials for "crimes against nature," that is, consensual sex with an adult partner. Two received suspended jail sentences of five years. Men in other states have gone to jail for similar "crimes."

- Since Bowers, a mother in George was denied custody of her 7-year-old son because, as a lesbian, she is an unconvicted felon in that state.

- Since Bowers, the New Hampshire legislature prohibited lesbian and gay people from becoming foster parents in that state, citing the majority opinion in Bowers as evidence of the unacceptability of homosexuality.

- Since Bowers, a woman was prevented from applying

for a job with the Dallas Police Department because, as a lesbian in Texas, she is automatically assumed to be a criminal and unsuited for work as a law enforcement officer.

- Since Bowers, a constitutional challenge to the military's policy of excluding and discharging gay and lesbian people was turned aside at the federal appeals court level, in part because the Bowers majority denies us a fundamental right to privacy.

Lives ruined. Careers destroyed. Families ripped apart. The stories of damage done by Bowers go on and on. If you need more proof of the impact of this case, please contact me. I have so many more examples in my files that my heart hurts.

Lesbian and gay men's lives are not frivolous and we are not frivolous people. We are angry and resolute that the wrong you have done us should be set right as soon as possible. We will continue our 25 battles in 25 state legislatures and in 25 state courts to undo your terrible mistake.

Justice Powell, you can help us in two ways. First, write a letter to the high courts and legislatures of each state that retains a sodomy law. Tell the state court judges and the legislators that you have erred and you would not wish them to compound your mistake by failing to decriminalize private, adult, consensual sex in their states. I have enclosed with this letter an address list of the governments in unreformed states to assist you in this task. This will be a bit time-consuming, but it will help us when we knock on the doors of state governments and courts if you have already visited them.

And then, on behalf of Michael Hardwick, who was handcuffed, arrested, and spent many hours in jail awaiting release on bail, I ask this of you: Please make sure that your colleagues on the U.S. Supreme Court - the sitting justices - know how you feel about your vote in Bowers. Your repudiation of your own vote in the case is the strongest argument for a review and a reversal by the court. Help us to restore our faith in the ideals of justice and equal protection for all under the law.

Sincerely yours,
Sue Hyde
Director, Privacy Project
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

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CAAA Executive Director to Resign

Art McDermott, Executive Director of the California Association of AIDS Agencies (CAAA), announced that he will resign his position in January 1991.

Citing personal health concerns, McDermott will continue to work half-time until his replacement is hired. The CAAA Board of Directors appointed McDermott in December 1988 to be the first Executive Director of the CAAA, the only statewide coalition of AIDS service agencies.

Gays Get Kisses Under the Moon

The rather straightish button-down world of Stanford University got its nerves a bit shaken Monday, Nov. 5, when the school's student newspaper, the "Stanford Daily," ran a front-page captioned photo headlined, "Full Moon in the Quad" showing two unidentified male students kissing in the beaming moonlight.

Full Moon is a campus tradition at the prestigious university that holds that freshmen coeds are not considered "real" Stanford students until they have been kissed under a full moon at midnight by a senior student of the opposite sex.

Hayward said the photo caused a stir on campus but that he had heard nothing "outstandingly negative" about the featured picture. Some people, he said, liked seeing the photos, while others were upset by it.

But, "revealing a part of campus life that's not often seen was the whole point of the photo" Hayward added.

Keith Clark

Report Cards on the 101st Congress

Washington, D.C., October 16, 1990 - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) during the upcoming weeks will again release "Report Cards" on all members of Congress. The report cards will

grade Members and their voting records on lesbian and gay issues during the current, 101st Congress.

Local activists are encouraged to contact the Task Force to receive the kit and report cards. Write or call NGLTF, attention: report cards, 1517 U St., NW, Washington, DC 20009.

stated agency Director Janet Rogers, "since both Patty and Guillermo have impressive track records with SAF."

Ms. Blomberg has been the manager of the Protocol Project at SAF for the past two years. She has produced a comprehensive AIDS plan for the four county Sacramento region, a self-help guide called "HIV from A to Z", and a comprehensive protocol for health care providers serving people with HIV disease. Prior to working at SAF Ms. Blomberg

was the Director of Legislative Relations for the Union of American Physicians and Dentists.

Guillermo Acuna has been the Special Projects Coordinator at SAF for the past five years. His work in prevention education has been focused on minority communities and IV drug users. He is one of the founders of the Northern California IVDU/HIV Task Force, which recently completed a report on needle exchange and HIV.

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Foundation Chooses New Managers

The Sacramento AIDS Foundation announced on October 16 that it had named Patty Blomberg as Development Director to replace Sam Schuchat, and Guillermo Acuna as Education Department Manager to replace Lisa Brodkey.

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because together, we come to a baseline consensus," she said. "We can say 'this is where we all stand, rank and file.'" Although this arrangement has its liabilities - such as quickly coming to decisions - perhaps more than any other gay group in California, the LIFE AIDS lobby can speak on behalf of the lesbian

and gay community as a whole.

With only a couple of legislative sessions under its belt, the lobby can already claim some success. During the last session, LIFE AIDS focused primarily on two bills. AB 3459, by Assemblyman Terry Friedman, D-West Hollywood, increases the number of community-based hospices, and increase their access to funding opportunities. This bill was passed and signed.

The other bill, AB 3315, by Assemblywoman Jackie Speier, D-San Francisco, would have required health insurers to reimburse for certain physician-prescribed drugs. That bill was passed by the Legislature, but vetoed by the Governor.

"It's going to be reintroduced," McBride assured. "Next year, our agenda will probably be the most aggressive, far-reaching agenda put forward, because we will have an opportunity to argue our case anew. We will have a new governor. The wall is leaving."

Helping put forth this pro-

gressive and far-reaching agenda are her two loyal and dedicated staffers, Alan Lofaso, legislative analyst, and Lynda Harshbarger, administrative assistant. The three of them work on an annual budget of

President of the Golden Gate Business Association, which is San Francisco's lesbian and gay Chamber of Commerce.

In 1985, McBride was one of the people who founded the National AIDS Candlelight

dedicated to lobbying the state and federal governments on AIDS issues.

McBride's experience is not all armchair organizing. She has truly been in the trenches. During the No on Proposition 64 campaign, McBride, and her co-chair organizer Ralph Payne, announced they would march in the Gay Freedom Day parade in San Francisco. They received death threats.

As they lined up to begin the march, McBride recalled, "Ralph and I looked at each other and said, 'this is it' because we didn't know if some crazy person out there was going to make that death threat come true."

But obviously, even death threats do not dampen her spirits or daunt her willingness to be out front on these issues.

"You know that old line, 'it's nobody's business who I sleep with? There's no safety ultimately in that statement because even to be perceived as gay, regardless of whether you are or not, is to be discriminated against," McBride said. "There's still a climate of fear and prejudice that we experience as gays and lesbians. Most often, our saying that it's nobody else's business is really saying that I can't cope with the hassle of coming out."

But hopefully, as McBride, and so many other activists carry out their work, our fears and our reluctance to be out will recede, as our society learns to accept and embrace its own diversity.

"We didn't know if some crazy person out there was going to make that death threat come true."

less than \$200,000.

"We recognize that this is less than what some of our opponents spend on xeroxing," McBride said.

McBride certainly has the credentials to maintain the LIFE AIDS Lobby as a force inside our State Capitol. Describing herself as a citizen activist of more than 10 years, she possesses a rich background in lesbian and gay rights activism. In 1984, she was the first and only lesbian

Memorial, the largest event of its sort, with some 200 countries participating.

She went on to become chair of the Community Partnership Against AIDS, an organization which was on the frontlines of developing a community response to the AIDS crisis.

"(The Partnership) provided a safe environment for discussions on issues, for hammering out language, so that when a message went out, it was a coherent message that everyone could support," she said.

Factions of the partnership metamorphosized into the No on Propositions 64, 69 and 102, in 1986, 1987 and 1988 respectively. These were AIDS-related initiatives which imperiled the lesbian and gay community.

More recently, in 1988 and 1989 McBride served as co-chair for the Mobilization Against AIDS, a national group based in California which is



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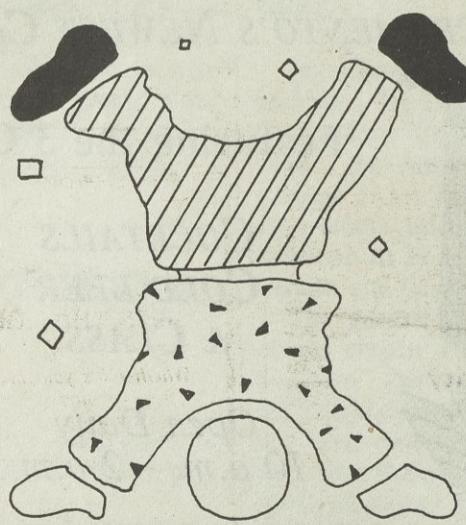
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Stanford University Recognizes Couples Gay Rights on Campus

by Keith Clark

After years of lobbying and months of on-again, off-again debate, same-sex couples enrolled at Stanford University have been officially granted the same status on campus as married partners.

The Stanford Board of Trustees approved the new policy, which is restricted to students and does not extend to employees, on Tuesday, Oct. 9. The new policy, which was first approved by the Stanford student senate in 1988, extends to unmarried partners of students, whether same-sex or opposite-sex, use of the university libraries, athletic facilities and rights participate in activities. More important, the recognition of student domestic partnerships allows unmarried couples equal access to Stanford's married students' housing and the use of student health clinic services on the same fee basis as spouses of married students.

Although several universities around the country, including Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Brown, have extended benefits to gay and

lesbian couples on an informal basis, the new Stanford domestic partners policy is believed to be the first formal policy of its kind adopted at a U.S. campus.

The university requires only that couples sign a statement that they are involved in a "long-term domestic partnership with a mutual commitment similar to that of marriage" and that they "share the necessities of life and responsibility for their common welfare."

Partners of Stanford students are then issued a campus ID card that allows them equal access to facilities and services that spouses of married students enjoy.

Stanford law student Ed Swanson, who has campaigned for the new policy, said, "This change will make a significant improvement for all of us. It's great not to feel like second-class citizens anymore."

Norman Robinson, acting dean of student affairs on campus, said that "perhaps one or two dozen" couples would be affected by the new policy.

DEADLINES

The editorial deadline for our next issue is December 1st. Camera-ready advertising materials are due by December 5th.

"Poppers" to be Outlawed

by Keith Clark

The Omnibus Crime Bill of 1990, includes a federal ban on "poppers," a widely used inhalant for sexual stimulation, especially among gay men.

In one of its final actions Saturday night, Oct. 27, the House accepted on a voice vote an already approved Senate version of the larger crime bill excluding all controversial provisions, but still including House Resolution 4774.

H.R. 4774, offered by Rep. Mel Levine (D-Santa Monica) and originally introduced as an amendment to the crime bill by Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Los Angeles), "effective bans" the "manufacture for sale, offer for sale, or distribution in commerce" of any volatile alkyl nitrites for personal use as a generic class.

Dr. David G. Ostrow, director of the University of Michigan's AIDS Behavioral Research Center, said recently, "Making the drug illegal won't help; it will only drive its use underground. Public education is a better strategy for addressing the problem."

Ostrow recently completed a study of 1,000 gay men in Chicago indicating that the use of poppers is reemerging

as an important contributing factor in reports of an increasing number of gay men engaging in unsafe sex.

Several studies have corroborated Ostrow's conclusion about the use of drugs (alcohol, marijuana, speed, poppers, etc.) and lapses into unsafe sex. And three studies found a "strong association between use of large quantities of nitrites" and Kaposi's sarcoma, while three similar studies trying to correlate popper use and KS found no association.

Manufacturers of the widely available nitrites, agree that

banning poppers will be counterproductive by creating black market for the drug. Joseph Miller, president of Great Lakes Products, the manufacturers of such inhalants as Rush, Hardware, Bolt, Quicksilver, and others, said in a letter concerning the ban on isobutyl nitrites last year, "Those who will suffer as a result of a ban on our products are those

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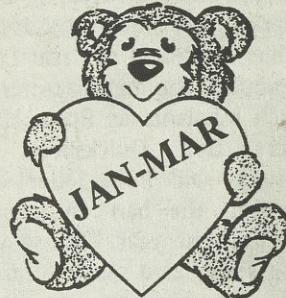
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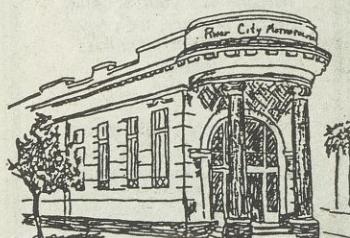


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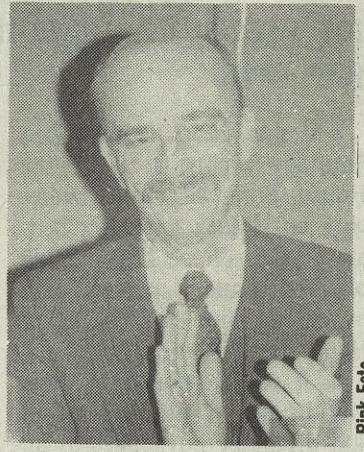
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Gay Rights Leader
Jim Foster Dies

by Keith Clark

One of the nation's early gay rights leaders and a prominent Democratic Party leader, Jim Foster, died in San Francisco Wednesday, Oct. 31, of a lingering AIDS-related illness at the age of 55.



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Mr. Foster, a member of the San Francisco Health Commission, founded the early gay rights organization, the Society for Individual Rights, in 1964, five years before the Stonewall Riots in New York. He was also a founding member of the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club, the first gay-identified gay Democratic group in the country.

He also made national news in 1972 when he became the first openly gay person to address a national political convention. As a George McGovern delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Miami, Mr. Foster made an eloquent plea for adopting a gay-rights plank in the party platform.

Mr. Foster's continued work in the mainstream of the Democratic Party led him to become a highly influential figure in San Francisco politics, acting as close advisers to three successive mayors: George Moscone, Dianne Feinstein and Art Agnos. In 1980, he also headed Sen. Edward Kennedy's Northern California bid for the Democratic nomination against Pres. Jimmy Carter.

His more mainstream approach to politics led to tensions with more radical gay rights politicos, most notably murdered gay Supervisor Harvey Milk, which became one of the most unpleasant political feuds in the City's history.

Following the death in 1985

of his longtime companion and lover, Larry Ludwig, of AIDS, Mr. Foster took a position on the City's health commission where he worked energetically for broader federal funding to fight the epidemic and greater availability of AIDS drugs.

Sen. Kennedy, in the City to campaign in behalf of Feinstein's gubernatorial campaign, called Mr. Foster "a tireless champion of a wiser, more compassionate and more effective national policy to combat this dread disease and end the intolerance that too often still accompanies it."

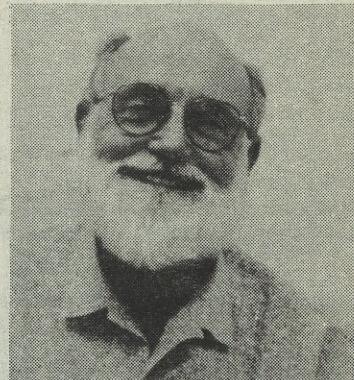
A memorial service was held Friday, Nov. 2, at Grace Cathedral with Mayor Art Agnos delivering the eulogy. The mayor also ordered city flags flown at half-mast in a mark of his respect for the dead leader.

Mr. Foster is survived by a brother, Robert Foster, of Los Angeles.

losing his mobility and independence during the past year.

David is survived by his father, Philip A. Reeder of Mesa, Arizona, brother Richard J. Reeder of Scottsdale, Arizona and sister Phyllis A. Phelps of Milwaukie, Oregon.

James J. Weston



Founding editor of The Patlar, died at his home on Friday, October 19, at the age of 60. Dr. Weston, born in Prescott Az., was reared in the ranch county of Skull Valley. Later he graduated from Northern Arizona University, The University of Mexico City, Peabody College of Nashville, and earned his doctorate from the University of Arizona, Tucson.

Most recently a professor of Business Administration at California State University, Sacramento, he was also a professor at Arizona, and the University of Texas. His teaching specialty was Business English. An entry in "Who's Who in the West," notes that James Weston was a member of many professional organizations including the California Business Education Association, Pi Omega, and a well-known contributor to professional journals. He is survived by three brothers, Omer of Anchor Bay, CA., Bill of Albuquerque, New Mx., and John of Irvine, CA., numerous nieces and nephews. Services were private. Gifts in Jim's memory made to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation would be appreciated by the family, in lieu of other remembrances.

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DDI Causing Pancreatitis?

by Arturo Jackson III

The debate surrounding effective HIV treatments continues with the latest focusing on the safety of the drug ddl.

The experimental drug, ddl is an alternative medication available in expanded access trials for individuals unable to tolerate the toxicities associated with AZT.

In a recent study at Philadelphia Graduate Hospital, the drug ddl was reported to cause severe pancreas disease in 25% of the men involved in the trial. The report was made by a researcher from Philadelphia Graduate Hospital at a scientific meeting of the American College of Gastroenterology held in San Francisco a few weeks ago.

The researchers, Dr. Chester J. Maxson and his colleagues at the University of

Pennsylvania and Philadelphia's Graduate Hospital reported on the study involving 51 men taking ddl for the treatment of conditions associated with their AIDS diagnosis. The researchers reported that 20 study participants developed biochemical signs of an inflamed pancreas without showing symptoms while the remaining 32 men in the trial experienced pancreatitis. The researchers noted that 12 of the 32 study participants manifested acute pancreatitis severe enough to require hospitalization.

The manufacturer of ddl, Bristol-Myers Squibb discounted the findings of the

Is That a Bomber in Your Pocket?

Safe-sex has run afoul of national security with the giant Northrop Corp., designers of the secret B-2 Stealth bomber, challenging the trademark of the Stealth Condom, claiming the sheer latex products might be confused with its flat, flying-wing-design ultrasonic jet, crafted to be virtually invisible to enemy radar.

In challenging the trademark application by Stealth Condoms, Northrop argued use of the advanced Air Force bomber's name by the condom manufacturer "is likely to deceive" consumers. Apparently Northrop believes shoppers are

liable to mistake the 1/2 gram, foil-covered condoms for their immense 1,500 ton aircraft.

Northrop also objects to the Stealth Condom slogan, "They'll Never See You Coming," as "belittling" their B-2 bomber and bringing the multi-million dollar aircraft "into disrepute."

A spokesman for Stealth Condoms said, "I frankly find it inconceivable that anyone could mistake a condom for an airplane, and there is nothing 'belittling' about naming our product after the Northrop B-2 bomber. We have a healthy respect for the protection both products offer."

Federal Trademark Trial and Appeal Board examiner are expected to reach a decision in the dispute shortly.

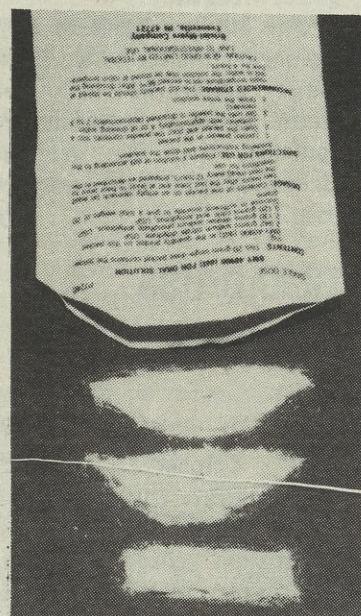
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Philadelphia study based on research tabulated in Phase I and current Phase II studies of ddl in company-sponsored trials. Susan Yarin, spokes-

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Founders of PSSN Resign Positions

The Positive Social Support NewsDigest (PSSN) is currently in transition due to the resignation of two of its founding members, editor Arturo Jackson III and computer design coordinator Steven Crow.

The PSSN is a bi-monthly newsdigest with HIV/AIDS information and treatment updates as well as classified and personal ads.

"After two years, it is time to allow others to become empowered by helping others," Jackson stated. The publication is mailed to almost 600 subscribers with another 4500 newsdigests distributed locally and in surrounding regions.

PSSN is a program of the Lambda Community Fund and

is a consolidation of articles submitted by individuals active and knowledgeable in the Sacramento community. The Lambda Community Center will be interviewing for the position of editor and computer specialist and speaking with those interested in becoming involved with the production and distribution of the newsdigest. Interested individuals should contact the Lambda Community Center at (916) 442-0185



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Black Leaders Discuss Gay Issues

Atlanta, GA - On September 15, a group of African American leaders from around the country met at The King Center here to discuss placing Black Lesbian/Gay concerns on the agendas of major Black Institutions.

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(NAACP) and Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) are closed to them," said Sabrina Sojourner, one of the meetings conveners.

Though unable to attend in person, Dr. Joseph Lowery, President SCLC, sent a representative with a statement expressing SCLC's dedication "to the elimination of bias and discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, national origin, sex, and sexual orientation."

NEA Funding With One Restriction

The U.S. Senate on October 24 approved a \$170 million, one-year appropriation for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) after defeating attempts by Sen. Jesse Helms to ban funding of sexually explicit art. The move comes after a year of bitter debate and controversy surrounding censorship of homoerotic art, and after intense lobbying by the arts community.

Before the final bill was moved, Helms successfully passed by voice vote in an

almost empty Senate chamber an amendment that forbids funding of material that "denigrates" religion.

The bill now goes to conference committee to work out minor differences with the House version. Lobbyists are confident they can get the Helm's religion rider dropped then.

GLAAD/USA Launched

Los Angeles, Calif., October 11, 1990. Representatives from Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation chapters around the country met here October 6 - 7 and reached an agreement to form a national federation, to be called GLAAD/USA.

During the two-day meeting -- which included voting representatives from Baltimore, Los Angeles, National Capital Area, New York, and San Francisco Bay Area, as well as observers from Orange County, Sacramento and Santa Cruz - resolutions were adopted on a national mission statement, an interim national governing body and plans to hold a convention of GLAAD delegates within the next 18 months to elect a national board of directors.

The following mission statement was adopted: "The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defa-

mation/USA is a diverse group dedicated to confronting public expressions of homophobia or heterosexism, and to promoting the fullest possible understanding of the breadth and diversity of our lives."

"Big Brothers" Amendment Killed

Washington, D.C., October 16, 1990 - An anti-gay amendment offered by Sen. William Armstrong (R-CO) that would have allowed organizations in the District of Columbia to bar gays and lesbians from being "Big Brothers," coaches or role models was killed last week in a U.S. House and Senate conference committee.

Before the conference committee action, the House rejected an attempt by Congressman William Dannemeyer (R-CA) to "instruct" House conferees to retain the Armstrong Big Brothers language.

"For the time being we have struck down these attempts in Congress to reinforce the horrible stereotypes that gay people are prone to recruit and molest children and therefore should not be Big Brothers or work with kids," said Peri Jude Radecic, NGLTF legislative director.

Rep. Dannemeyer, infuriated at the successful move to block his measure, fired off a letter

to all members of the House. The letter discussed the "predatory tactics" of gay people and said "groups such as the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force forever explain to the public that the 'homosexual molester' of children is a myth and that heterosexuals are much more likely to sexually molest kids." NGLTF, working with data from national child abuse agencies, has fought to dispel stereotypes that prevent gays from providing positive role models for children.

Immigration Policy Against Gays Eased

The U.S. Congress on October 27 gave final approval to landmark legislation that removes gay men and lesbians from the nation's list of immigration exclusions and paves the way for removal of HIV and AIDS from the policy.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), which lobbied for immigration reform, praised the move and called for the President to sign the law immediately. In addition, NGLTF recommended that he act to remove HIV and AIDS from the HHS list of exclusions. "This bill is a major strike against institutional homophobia and AIDS phobia," said NGLTF spokesperson Robert Bray.

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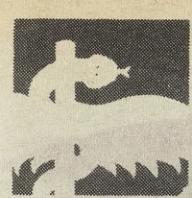
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by Lynn McNeal D.C.

Low back pain is the most common complaint that brings a patient into a doctor's office. It makes up 80% of all on-the-job injuries. It is also the most preventable.

Most low back pain can be traced to the fact that humans have upright posture - a significant stress on the lumbar-sacral joints that four-legged animals do not endure. The constant shearing and micro-trauma to these joints lead to degenerative joint disease (known as osteoarthritis), decreased range of motion, and stiffness of the low back. Up to 50% of all people over 60 years of age have some form and stage of osteoarthritis in the low back.

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ing vertebrae), or a sudden event (such as a twisting or compression accident) can tear and diminish the disc height. Whether chronic or acute in origin, the resulting vertebrae approximate each other, and the exiting spinal nerve roots get pinched. This "pinching" is caused either by the boney vertebrae or by a portion of the disc material, and the result can be radiating numbness, pain, motor deficit, and loss of bowel and bladder control. At this stage, surgical intervention is required.

I say this is the most preventable of all orthopedic "diseases" because in almost all instances serious back conditions are the end result of chronic warnings unheeded. That is, most lifting accidents at work could have been avoided if a worker is taught careful lifting techniques.

(Some companies now offer a Back School for just this reason.) A patient with a protruding disc often presents with a history of several years of untreated low back pain. Another patient who has had a diagnosed scoliosis (curvature) of the spine since childhood has "learned to live with it" and has gone untreated for twenty years until

the pain was constant and debilitating. Certainly not all cases of low back pain fall into the "preventable" category, but in my opinion most do.

Since low back pain is so prevalent, it is important to keep in mind that not all cases are orthopedic in nature - that is, low back pain can be the "great mimic". Serious

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Homosexuality and the Bible

Rev. Freda Smith of River City M.C.C. will present a series of sermons on "Homosexuality and Bible" beginning on November 18th at 6 p.m.. The series will continue on the evenings of November 25, and December 2 at the church located at 3418 Broadway.

To kick off this popular

series of informative presentations, Rev. Freda Smith will do her internationally famous "Purple Grass" sermon at the 9 and 11 a.m. service on November 18. The public is cordially invited. Anyone who has a problem with religion and their sexuality would benefit from this series. For more information call 454-4762.



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"Spacial Relations" an exhibition of works by Katherine Kruczak will be on display at Dito, 1729 L St. For more information call (916) 441-DITO.

Valley Knights dinner at Joseph's Town & Country banquet room begins at 8 p.m. with cocktails at 7:30 p.m.

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18 sunday

PFLAG (Parents and friends of lesbians and gays) hosts a panel of participants in the recent International PFLAG Convention to discuss the theme: "What I Learned at the PFLAG Convention." Discussions held at St. Marks United Methodist Church located at 2391 St. Marks Way. For more information call (916) 444-9510.

"**Sister in the Name of Love**", presented by the Grand Duchess XI, Racine, Grand Duke Gene, and C.G.N.I.E., Inc. at Joseph's Town & Country. Seating at 6 p.m. with the show starting at 7 p.m. \$3 donation benefits the Sacramento Food Closet.

"**Homosexuality on the Bible**" hosted by Rev. Freda Smith of River City MCC kicks off a series of sermons on the subject of religion and sexuality at 6 pm at the church sanctuary located at 3418 Broadway. For more information, call (916) 383-0940.

SUNDAYS

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MONDAYS

Coming Out Group at Sacramento State University meets from 5:30 to 7 pm Sponsored by G.L.A.S. and the Lambda Community Center.

22 thursday

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THURSDAYS

"**Being Gay Today**" at 9 pm on Sacramento cable channel 63 (repeat broadcast).

G.L.A.S.(Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Sacramento), a student group at CSUS meets from 8:30 pm to 10 pm. For more information, call (916) 441-7305

24 saturday

The "Do-Cats" are doing it again at Joseph's Town & Country for your entertainment and fun. Seating starts at 8 pm with show starting at 9 pm.

The Sacramento Gender Association for transsexuals and transvestites will have a dinner social at 9 pm at Joseph's Town & Country. Call (916) 441-8379 for more information.

25 sunday

"**Homosexuality and the Bible**" continues at RCMCC at 6 pm in the church sanctuary, 3418 Broadway. For more information, call (916) 383-0940.

30 friday

"**The Mount Eden Poems**", a celebration of Poetry, Paper, Photography & Wine by Ronald Phillip Tanaka at the Luna's Cafe and Galleria located at 1414 16th St. For information call (916) 278-6586

Of Time and the City:
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December

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2 sunday

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"Homosexuality and the Bible" series of sermons continues at RCMCC.



GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance) of San Francisco will present "ExtraGAPA-Cultural Images", an evening of cultural entertainment at the Cowell theater at Fort Mason in San Francisco. Tickets are \$9 for members and \$12 for non-members. For more information call (415) 282-GAPA.

3 monday

Giants vs 49ers, on Monday Night Football. 6 pm.

4 tuesday

"Outlook" lesbian/gay video show, 10 pm on Sacramento cable channel 63.

Nutrition in HIV Care - Explore Your Options, presented by Integrated Care Systems Inc. in conjunction with Mercy General Hospital. 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Mercy Medical Plaza, Lower level Auditorium B, 3941 J Street, Sacramento. This is a free presentation.

TUESDAYS

"Being Gay Today" at 10 pm on Sacramento cable channel 63. 1 hour of lesbian & gay shows from around the country & beyond. For more information call (415) 861-9940.

Mothers Only, a peer support group for mothers who have lost a son or daughter to AIDS, or mothers of an HIV-positive son or daughter meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at 1900 K Street, Suite 201. For more information, call 447-5075.

6 thursday

"Outlook" lesbian/gay video show is shown at 9 pm on Sacramento cable channel 63. Repeat broadcast of Dec 4 show.

7 friday

The Sacramento Women's Chorus presents a Holiday Concert at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1500 Park Blvd., in West Sacramento. 8 pm. Tickets are available Lioness Books for \$5.00. For info call, 429-7155.

The Future of SAF Services: A Client Forum. An opportunity to ask SAF staff about the future of available services. SAF offices, second floor located at 1900 K Street. Call (916) 448-2437 for more information.

Stocking Stuffers, a show to benefit PWA's during the holidays. Faces, 2000 K Street, 8 pm. Donation requested - One teddy bear or \$3.00.

8 saturday

"Nutcracker" performed by the Sacramento Ballet at the Sacramento Community Center Theatre.

The Sacramento Women's Chorus presents a Holiday Concert at St. Paul's Methodist Church, at Monte Vista and West in Vacaville, 8 pm. Tickets are available Lioness Books for \$5.00. For info call, 429-7155.

10 monday



The Sing-Along Messiah debuts at 7:30 p.m. with Carter Nice as conductor as part of the Sacramento Symphony 1990-91 Season at the Community Center Theater located at 14th and L streets. Tickets \$15 each. For more information, call the Symphony ticket office at (916) 649-0200.

13 thursday

2nd Annual Variety Christmas Show presented by the Performing Artists for AIDS Related Charities and Santa and Mrs. Claws. 7 - 9 pm. at Faces, 2000 K St. \$3.00 donation requested to benefit PWA's.

14 friday

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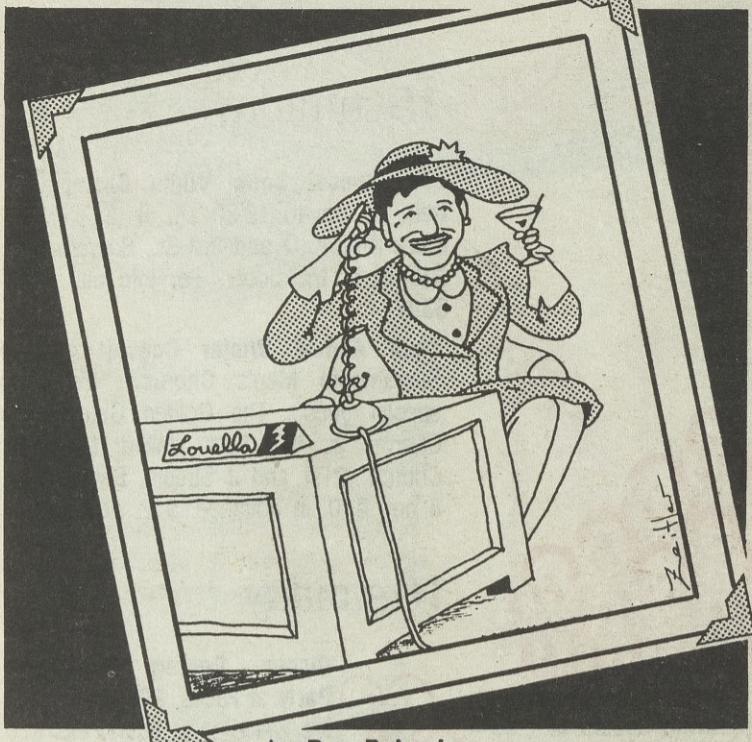
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RUMOR HAS IT



by Dan Palomino

Well isn't it a shame! Albeit the strong showing by Feisty Feinstein in the gubernatorial race, the gale force wind that blew through town during the election was not enough to uproot the petrified forest of conservatism in our capitol. In

Leslie vs Buonauito, weren't the voters smart enough to have chosen Joe as the lesser of two evils? Instead, we'll have to tolerate more of Tim L. and "Duke's" successor Petey, but my children, we must be charitable and give Pete Wilson *sooome* credit



Joe Buonauito.

since he did insist that the gay\lesbian Log Cabin Republican club remain part of the State Republican apparatus. Let's hope Pete understands he is accountable to ALL of us whether we voted for him or not.

The gay and lesbian community did achieve some significant successes in San Francisco, namely Roberta Achtenberg and Carol Migden being elected to the Board of Supervisors, and the Domestic Partners Ordinance was overwhelmingly approved. Still the wheels of progress turn ever so slowly.

Closer to home, I heard some members of our community voted for Norm Froh-

wein as write-in candidate for gov. Probably because he'd run California like he did SAGA. And in the very best tradition of SAGA members, we would never choke on the small ones and would surely lick the big ones--(problems that is). Anyway, congratulations to Norm, one of the recipients of the 1990 Lambda Awards. Other honorees included Gary Miller, Linda Birner, (boy is there dish on her!), Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, and Muriel and Rev. Merrill Folansbee of PFLAG. A

wonderfull time was had by all at this chic event and everybody who thought they were somebody showed up dressed to thrill. If the Chinese new year could be reduced to a single day it would have been the night of the Clotheshorse, (or clotheswhores--you take your pick). Overall, the crowd looked stunning in their smart ensembles, and heeding to my advice, no one wore pelts--or at least didn't expose them. My stunning new sapphire and diamond pin even paled in



Leonard Harris and Lady Garnet.

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comparison to some of the jewels of the Imperial Court (also honorees), which made them look as if they crash landed in the world of the glitterati. And while on the subject of all things that glitter, the Mistress of ceremonies was the lovely and effervescent Marghe Covino sparkling with a lot of help from her silver sequined top and providing definitive proof that you CAN wear too many sequins. After observing more than a few foppish types surrounding her I realized they were either looking at the reflection of themselves in the sequins or were nabbing a quick tan caused by all the light bouncing off of Marghe. And speaking of tans, the ruddy glow on Ken Topper's face a few tables from me was actually windburn caused by the fluttering of Empress Vanna What's industrial strength eyelashes. I must admit Vanna was absolutely ravishing in the green number she wore--afterwards I realized only a true queen could carry herself and 60 lbs of jewelry with such aplomb. The Anne Rudin dress-alike award was passed on from last year's winner, Kate Moore, to Rosie Metrailler, who obviously was given bad fashion advice from



Stacey as Dorothy.

"*Costimulator*" with failing eyesight. Everyone now knows that Karl Greene, RCDC President, has had his hair dyed to match his silver tongue. This democratic demagogue can turn a rabid republican into a diehard demo! But now, a lesson on the meaning of the word 'brevity' is in order for this little dynamo! Anyway, the dirt on Linda Birner has nothing to do with the rumor

she's stepping out on her wife, Frank Lawler. At the Awards dinner, I saw her and Kate Moore run to each other from across the room ending in a hearty embrace; and you know what close chums those two are. Well in an attempt to bury the hatchet (in who's back-you ask?) Linda and Kate have resolved to settle their differences and work together to promote unity and cooperation within our community. I wasn't the only witness to this blessed event. When I saw Linda and Kate clutching each other, I thought I had entered the twilight zone and quickly decided a stiff drink was in order. And on my way to the bar I passed Terry Sidee looking on with what looked like mascara stained tears of joy on his face, (and I used to think he was sooo butch). In the same spirit of harmony I recently made a goodwill tour of the MCW offices, where I was almost attacked by a four foot penguin named 'Typo', or is it 'Copy'? Being a successful journalist in this town can be hazardous to my health.

Speaking of journalists, (I use that term loosely to describe the 'other columnist') Hedda Hopper aka John Batchelor recently starred in the Sacto Ballet's production of 'Don Quixote'. I thought he made a lovely rosinante until someone pointed out that it was a real horse's rear end on stage. But seriously folks, although Hedda has two-stepped and tap danced her way to social ridicule in this town, she is quickly becoming a favorite among ballet aficionados for her scene stealing parts played with perfect comic timing. John/Hedda also showed up at the Sacto Mens Chorus Hellfire Ball in her old girl scout outfit and it was not a pretty sight. It just goes to prove that while 'Beauty' is skin deep, 'Ugly' cuts right down to the bone. And for those that missed the Halloween Hellfire Ball, you just might want to consider getting a life or at least renting one for an evening. It was a wonderful party with awesome and imaginative costumes that only the socially maladjusted



Steven Crow struts his stuff all over the Capitol City.

would even consider passing up. I heard that there was a rival Marilyn Monroe Look-alike Party the same evening as the Hellfire Ball, face it girls, Marilyn's been dead almost 25 years so get with the times! Anyway, the costume winner of the Hellfire Ball was he notorious Steve Crow in a hot pink number which seemed to be a cross between Madonna and Carmen Miranda. Unsatisfied with winning all that prize money Steve ran all over town hoping to win all the costume awards. It's just too tragic he didn't win *Faces'* Halloween Night Contest which was swept up by the very delightful very delovely, and very delicious (eat your heart out, boys) Michael Sestak who pocketed \$150.00. It's too bad he owes me at

least twice as much!

The staff of the CARES Clinic dressed up for Halloween and sent many of their patients running for the hills. Nurses Bob and Keith dressed as hookers from hell, stating "Nursing is the second oldest profession", while PA. Myke Pratt just didn't change clothes after a hot night at the Wreck Room.

At Faces, Halloween night Large Marge looked utterly faboo in her Good Witch of the North costume. Will she be good enough to accept an APOLOGY from the latest ISSUE for getting her confused with LaKish Hayworth in a previous ISSUE photo? I'd be offended too, Marge, (just kidding Kish!) but go ahead and

be a sport and accept our olive branch. That LaKish has been mighty busy these days with the Fairy Godfather Fund. The Fund is raising money to make sure the men and women with AIDS in our local hospitals have all that they might need. At an October 18th auction at the Mercantile Saloon the Fund raised over \$2200. dollars.



Cherie and Kathy at Our Place:

Getting up-to-date with local happenings; Sherri Jordan and Shannon Morgan are still happily living in sin after several months and are even considering opening a touch positive store called *The Moment of Touch*. Sounds like fun and good luck! Also, a new pub welcoming both men and women has just opened near El Camino and Boxwood. Stop by "Our Place" and wish Cherie Roth and Kathy Mammen luck while enjoying a cold one.

On a final note, If you think you're falling in love, remember: "loving someone means caring enough to explore their mind". Have a safe Thanksgiving holiday and may we all find something or someone to be thankful for.

Love, Danny



Large Marge; good witch?



The staff of the CARES Clinic getting wild on Halloween.

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WATKINS

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There have been seven years of legal wrestling which has occurred between the initial action in 1982, and the federal Appeals Court decision upholding Watkins' civil right to reenlist and retain all recognition of rank.

The Appeals Court ruling was specific to Watkins' case, and does not challenge the Army's total ban on homosexuals. It instead is case specific, and directly relates to the fact that the Army knowingly allowed Watkins to reenlist three times, despite his consistent acknowledgement that he was gay.

The Appeals Court decision, in part, stated that "... Watkins' homosexuality clearly has not hurt the Army in any way," and "Equity cries out and demands that the Army be estopped (prohibited) from refusing to re-enlist Watkins on the basis of his homosexuality."

Each time he reenlisted, Watkins informed his superior officer that he was gay, and each time he was subject to an Army investigation. After each investigation, where both his service record and private life were examined, he was allowed to

reenlist. Drafted in 1967, at the height of the Viet Nam War, Watkins marked "yes" on a medical form asking whether he had "homosexual tendencies." The Army inducted him anyway, and he served two tours in Korea and was later stationed at Fort Lewis, near Tacoma.

Watkins, who is currently working as a telephone operator for the Social Security Administration in Auburn, Washington, will be eligible for a full Army pension after four more years of service. Watkins has been quoted as being "thrilled" by the decision, "My next step is to obviously be reinstated."

The case, while not affecting the military-wide ban on gays and lesbians, has been eagerly monitored by gay rights activists. Paul DiDonato of the National Gay Rights Advocates in San Francisco noted recently that the Watkins victory was a narrow one. "These days we'll take a victory any way we can get one," he said.

NOW WHAT?

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which mandates term limits. (Yet these same voters largely re-elected the incumbents, and usually with a wide margin.) One of the downsides for many of our friends is the section of the law that will require a 38% reduction in the staffing budget for legislators. Not only will we eventually lose--if the new law stands up to court challenges--our elected friends, such as Senator Roberti (D-Hollywood) and Assemblymember Terry Friedman (D-Los Angeles), but also possibly some gay and lesbian staffers, who will also immediately be affected.

We will have to become more active as a community in the political process to assist in the election of people sympathetic to our needs. Because of the short "shelf life" of politicians, we will have to have many more friends, and can no longer rely on same stalwart few for help

with gay-related legislation. And, since many legislators will be angling for corporate jobs after their terms expire, they may begin to vote more conservatively, to become more attractive to potential employers. If this is the case, we could expect some setbacks until someone again takes the lead in championing our need for civil rights.

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On a local level, we also were affected by the last election. Measure "S" failed by a wide margin in the county (58 % to 42.1 %) and a smaller one in within city limits (51.3% to 48.7). Whether the gay/lesbian community won or lost in relation to the failure of the consolidation measure depends on to whom you ask the question. Opinion on this issue ranged

widely within the community;

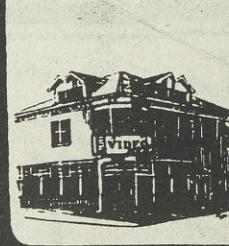
We have to expect the issue to resurface. Proponents of the original measure have vowed to bring it back, in a different form. Another possible response is to have a unified planning body of City Council and Board of Supervisors who would be responsible for regional planning. County voters have indicated that some have an abhorrence of "liberal" city voters equal to the dislike of many downtowners for those who live in "the burbs." Many of these voters just voted "No."

We can at least, reconcile ourselves to an improvement from the Governor's Office, compared to the current "head-in-the-sand" Deukmejian administration. Wilson's policies will be similar to what Feinstein promised, and we can expect a consistent level for AIDS funding, if not an increase. The major effect the Wilson win will have is during the reapportionment battles to come. With Wilson at the helm, the Democrats will not be able to carve out the overwhelmingly safe districts they envisioned with a Feinstein governorship. Both sides will jockey for compromise.

All in all, it's an interesting way to begin the 90's.

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Kevin is forgotten as the group leaves for the airport. Enter two burglars, (Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern) who have been casing the joint.

It would be unfair to give anything away but between Kevin, his frantic mother (Catherine O'Hara) and her attempts to get home, the frustrated robbers and a little side plot about a would-be mass murderer, the plot never winds down for a second. But the real glue is the force behind Mccaulay Culkin as Kevin. Culkin is the best young actor to come down the pike in a long spell. His every reaction is real and precious without ever becoming precocious. Kudos to director Chris Columbus.

by Chris Gerald

Glamour is fear: if people are afraid of you, you can do anything.

Such is the philosophy that Ronnie Kray and his brother, Reggie, come to live by. Based on a true story that begins in 1934 with the birth of the two boys to a domineering mother and a passive father, the brothers become a textbook case as they grow to terrorize London in the '60s.

Doted on by the strong and ruthless women in the family (mother, grandmother and two aunts), the boys in time

come to believe that all men are contemptuous, and the way to rule them is with fear and brutalism. In the school yard, they quickly became bullies. In the army, they were court martialed for assaulting an officer. After a brush with the law exposes them to criminals and their underworld, they become involved in the protection racket using their "earnings" to open restaurants and nightclubs.

It is a cold, chilling look at the dark side of human nature.

Ronnie, having been earlier diagnosed as schizophrenic (not mentioned in the movie) becomes obsessed with his

brother who tries desperately for some semblance of a normal life by marrying.

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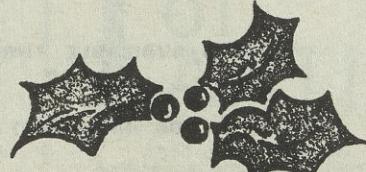
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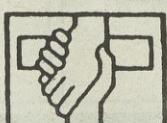
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How to Survive the Holidays

by Stacy Selmants

Now that Halloween's over, and all the moustaches in town have grown back, it's time for turkey, tinsel and the arrival of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

It should be a time for togetherness, for surprises, and fun. But, for those of you who may dread the holidays, and think your family resembles the Waltons From Hell, there are ways to cope instead of mope. Yes, we have suggestions about to get the most out of the skidding seasonal insanity we call the holidays, without leaving the country or spending so much that Macy's sends a burly, yet buff man named Bubba to visit you with a tire iron.

HOLIDAY HINTS:

* Don't decide to fast for peace. Thanksgiving tradition forbids any stray urges to exhibit restraint, and if you don't fight over who gets the drumsticks, what will the family have to gossip about all year? (Except, perhaps, your choice of dates.) Lent is a better time for self-torture, and by then you'll need

to lose the weight you gained during November and December.

* Have your own kind of celebration. This is important, if your family is too far away (either geographically or philosophically) to visit. While we know of one very odd man who is over 30 and lives with his parents, most of us have to decide whether to make that trek during the holidays, back to the womb. Collect all the "orphans" you can and have your own "family" dinner. Lesbian potluck rules can apply here, where the favorite games are "Guess the Ingredients" and "If I Eat It, Will I Live?". Other crowd pleasers include Lingerie Twister and Crisco Charades. (Yes, these are safe sex activities.)

* Avoid the malls during peak hours. (Unless you enjoy the company of high school girls named "Chrissy.") "Chrissy" will undoubtedly be accompanied by: 1) three monosyllabic boys named Justin, Jason and Joshua, who hold her bags, and who won't even notice your nice new pectorals, 2) her latent lesbian friend Bobbie, who holds her bags and won't notice your pectorals; and 3) her haggard mother, who is wearing the Arden Fair Death Mask, after 11 hours of frenetic use of credit cards. She might notice your pectorals, but...is

she your type?

* When decorating for the holidays, be tasteful. While you may appear at the bars in a blonde fright wig and "Hurt Me" pumps, a little goes as long way in the ho, ho, ho department. There is a house on G Street that makes us chortle annually, with its assortment of snowpersons, reindeer, and Day-Glo Little Baby Jesuses, all lovingly protected by a wall of chicken wire. Do not follow their example. Show some restraint, and withstand the impulse to jack up your SMUD bill three-fold. Instead, give that money to the Hope House, or another non-profit organization.

* Improve your spirits by helping others. The rest of the year, it's so easy to be totally self-absorbed and apathetic. Volunteer your time to help fill in the gaps at the AIDS Foundation or WEAVE, or at a local soup kitchen. If nothing else, donate food and clothing to a local food bank.

* Remember, in the midst of the all consumerism and enforced partying, to make some quiet time for your main squeeze (or all of your squeezes.) Hang some mistletoe in the shower and see what happens. Kissing is much more fun when it's cold.

So, to all of you, be creative, be caring, and make your own kind of celebration. And as far as gifts go, don't give cash. (Checks are so much more personal.)

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Poetry of Protest and Poise

by Essex Hemphill

The poetry I appreciate and love, and that I deem powerful, has always been poetry that is clear and concise, the images palatable and arresting, and the music of the poetry memorable long after the book is closed.

Such poetry is very functional to me because it does not distance itself from the audience and emit the often static and nearly rhythmless tones of high art. Such poetry that gives itself to life as opposed to isolation and remoteness is usually created by brave poets. The poet's unflinching eye names the details of his experience, the truth he knows, like specific notes in a music score that moves us to dance and cry, mourn and celebrate, or we stand in awe overwhelmed by the beauty he clearly shows breathes amongst us like a living thing.

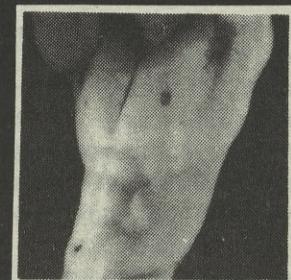
In the poetry of Michael Lassell these qualities are abundant. A torch to life is raised by his handsome work. His new book of poetry, *Decade Dance*, is rich with lines and rhythms to remember. The work is poignant as he meditates upon the personal which is resolutely political. We journey with him through a decade of personal and communal gay life. We move from cruising bars to political rallies, from seductions to funerals, from desire to responsibility.

This is not a collection of poems the National Endowment for the Arts would have funded in its present homophobic stance. To this Lassell responds with "Piss Jesse, or Silence = Death." What makes this poem most effective is how it cleverly reads Jesse Helms and others of his ilk,



Portrait of Michael Lassell.

DECade DANCE



Michael Lassell

but is not the most powerful poems in the collection. Of the overtly political pieces, "Piss Jesse" is perhaps the weakest, while other poems such as "Statues of Liberty" and "A Modest Proposal, Overtly Political" carry a more sophisticated expression of anger. Where some poets might venture to rhetoric for political expression, Lassell infuses his politics with wit so that a bit of humor comes with his biting protest.

Decade Dance is divided into seven sections that move progressively from the gay disco nights of the seventies and early eighties ("Dancing Days"), into the closing section ("How to Choose Life"), wherein the poet instructs us to "Put off the decision for as long as you can...Wait, Wait...Do not rush."

In between these two sections Lassell is vulnerable and acutely sensitive, playing the language of his experience with gentle repetitions and lingering tenderness. His lines are lean and spare, his language is precise and frank. Much of the work gathered here is powerful without slamming itself into one's sensibility.

Some of my favorite poems in the collection include, "How to Watch Your Brother Die," "Desire," "The Future Cowards Built," and "How to Visit the Grave of a Friend." The poem "Desire" recalled to

mind C.S. Cavafy's "He Asked About the Quality." I do not make this comparison to suggest that Lassell is not an original voice. Quite the contrary, Lassell's poetic voice is surely his own, drawing as he does on disparate poetic influences and melding those influences into his own cadences.

There is much that is beautiful and sad in this collection, given that Lassell is one of the witnesses in the AIDS war, but he speaks not from the sidelines, but from the authority of the frontlines. He speaks with anger and love leaving the melodramatic grief to be displayed and pandered by poets of lesser skill.

I am most attracted to the vulnerability displayed in these poems. These poems speak of a man who remembers much and has lost much. There is an indomitable spirit that emerges from this work. The heart here is not worn on the sleeve, but carried bravely in his hands. Decade Dance is a collection the reader can return to often. Long after this book has been closed, surely these lyrics, these bold bodacious verses will waft through your soul.

Essex Hemphill is a poet, performance artist, and publisher of Be Bop Books. When not traveling to perform his work Hemphill lives in Philadelphia.

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rights in his political and personal life. Norm Frohwein's contributions as the founder and past director of SAGA and Team Sacramento were applauded by all. Linda Birner was acknowledged for 13 years of publishing Mom...Guess What? Newspaper in addition to her many personal contributions. Dr. Elizabeth Harrison was thanked with the Lambda



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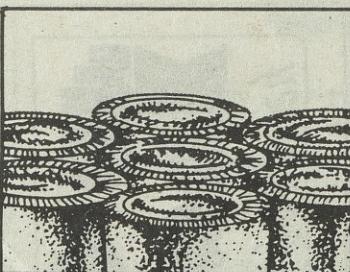
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Merrill and Muriel Follansbee of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) were greeted by the audience with cheers of love for their unconditional support for gay men and women.

After all was said and done, the spirit of community seemed to grow stronger that evening. Acknowledgement of all of the good these people have accomplished will surely produce more of the same. [F]

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who will be forced to buy unlabeled off-brands which are produced in 'back-room bathtubs' to low standards and which, in fact, may contain impure compounds of dubious content with potentially dangerous effects."

Hank Wilson, who heads the San Francisco-base Committee to Monitor Poppers and has been a leading advocate of the ban, acknowledged that the Levine-Waxman legislation would probably entrench an underground market for the inhalants, but hopes a major effect of the law will be educational.

"It's nothing new, there's a significant market that's always been there, and it will probably continue. What I do think will change is there won't be any full page advertisement in the gay press, in gay men's porno; the bath-houses, porno bookstores, the peep shows and so on will probably not be able to sell them on the premises. And that should cause some people to question use of poppers." The President is expected to sign the bill, which would take effect 90 days following his approval. [F]

BACKACHE

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medical conditions can be masked completely save for the single symptom of low back pain. Examples of this are kidney infection, bone tumors, bone infections, pelvic inflammatory disease, endometriosis, pancreatitis. The following is a list of back pain symptoms for which you should see your doctor immediately:

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For the non-emergency back owners, it would be safe to say most of us take our backs for granted until they stop working. Regular exercise of the low back and abdominal muscles, calcium-rich foods, stretching, relaxation techniques, and the timely treatment of early back pain will give you a lifetime of flexibility and peak performance. [F]

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by Sister Dana Van Iquity

It's around that time of year again, when everyone sits down to a bountiful turkey dinner with all the trimmings, a time of singing Thanksgiving carols, decorating the Thanksgiving tree, and don't forget to hang your Thanksgiving stocking by the mantle with care, in hopes that St. Turkey will soon be there.

Well, maybe I've got this holiday mixed up with another. Sure, I know what you're saying. What does Thanksgiving mean to us anyway, and what the hell do we gay people have to be thankful for these days?

Well, for one thing--our GAYNESS. I recall every time we marched in a parade or memorial, there was that wonderful, reaffirming banner held high, proudly proclaiming, "Thank God I'm Gay." And the banner yet waves, despite the untimely loss of the original banner carrier.

So, in this season of giving thanks, let us give thanksgiving. T.G.I.G. -- Thank God I'm Gay! I know I wouldn't choose to be anything else but gay and proud.

And silly. What other minority has such a powerful litany against being overly serious -- "Get over yourself, Mary!"... "Oh please, Miss Thing!"...and... "Smell her!"

So, yes, I do thank God I'm gay. And God, to me, is love. God can be whatever you choose him/her/it/them to be. Unless that might be the righteous, indignant, moral majority god who dishes out diseases merely because he doesn't like your bedroom behavior. Let us all respond: "Oh please, Miss Thing!"

No, rather let us see God as love. As the RESPONSE to the disease that has struck our community. Where else in the history of the world has a group of people come together to save the community, the way our group has? And now the straight community is looking to us as models of response to trauma in the best possible way -- giving of our time, our money, our energy, our excellence, our unconditional love. Thank God I'm gay!

And silly. As the t-shirt says, "Life is too important to be taken seriously." Just check your Bible. "And on the eighth day, God created the gay. And he didst give unto gays the gift of the giggle."

Thank god I'm gay. I come from a long line of interior decorators, waiters, hairstylists, and florists. I have a rich heritage of good taste. My people instinctively knew to shun polyester double-knit.

We are the trendsetters. What's seen on Castro and Christopher Street today, will be worn by the jet set next year. Oh yes. Recall how the straight boys once laughed at our single pieced earring and short, short preppy hair and polo shirts a decade ago. And then copied that look a few years later. Who's laughing

now, Wanda?

It is our inheritance to be fabulous...and outrageous...and free. You can only keep that flawless black evening gown in the closet for so long, and it HAS to come out...Well, we're out, and for love and for life we are NOT going back. We're out, and we're outrageous! Who else would dare to wear Marilyn Monroe drag one night, and full machismo leather the next -- and it isn't anywhere NEAR Halloween?!

TGIG! I can change my mood as easily as I change my clothes. I'm a cowboy, I'm a temptress, I'm a biker, I'm a nun. I'm a three-piece suit by day and a latex suit by night.

My people instinctively knew to shun polyester double-knit.

I'm mild mannered Clark Kent at the office, and Superstud in the alley.

TGIG! I can be as monogamous as I want...with as many men as I want! And I can be a total tramp...with just one. Hey world, you can't get my sex drive down, even with your life-threatening warnings. I'll just get more creative...and safe...and HOT!

TGIG! I can appreciate the same sex as much as -- if not better than -- the opposite sex appreciates the opposite sex. I thank God for men. For their minds and for their bodies. For their faces and for their bodies. For their bodies and for their bodies (oops, am I repeating

myself?). Hairy, hairless, muscled and not so; brawny or brainy; thick and thin, long and short, with and without. Thank God they're gay men. [Lesbians will please substitute their own turn-ons towards women, since I am no expert on these matters].

TGIG! I can wink at waiters, flirt with florists, dish with designers, camp with cowboys, trick with truckers.

Oh, you may not agree with me. Which is perfectly all right. You may want to blend in with society, not be noticed, status quo, don't rock the boat, and for heaven's sake, MEN DON'T WEAR A DRESS OR ANYTHING SHOCKING IN THE GAY PARADE.

As for me, give me liberty or give it a rest, Mary. I'm glad I'm gay. I'll shout it from the housetops, from sea to shining sea; from the mountains to the

valleys; in the bushes and in the alleys.

Yes, I'm gay. Couldn't be prouder. If you can't hear me, I'll yell a little louder. Give me a "G"; Give me an "A"; Give me a "Y".

Well, that's just about enough of my gay rainbow-flag waving chauvinism, I guess. You'll have to excuse me, but I've got to change into my turkey suit now, slide down the chimneys, and bring gifts to all the bad little boys.

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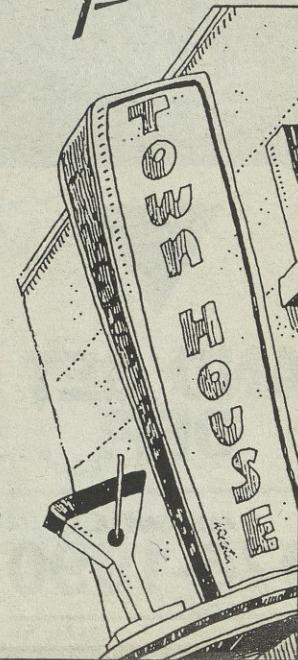
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severe side effects, Yarin stated. The spokeswoman added, "we have not seen the data from their study but I want to emphasize that the reported results from the Philadelphia study greatly differ from findings on ddl at this point in time."

Trial data evaluated by the National Cancer Institute has demonstrated that the drug, ddl is effective in limiting the spread of the HIV virus with acute pancreatitis manifested as a serious side effect in less than 2 percent of the study subjects.

Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, past president of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights stated, "many individuals diagnosed with AIDS do not have the luxury of waiting years for official FDA approval of promising AIDS drugs. This is especially true for people with AIDS experiencing toxic reactions to AZT, the only FDA approved AIDS drug at this time. Expanded access trials allows these individuals treatment options with knowledge of the risks involved with experimental AIDS drugs. These experimental drugs are available in expanded access trials to many whose options and time may be running out." For those considering drugs to stabilize their HIV infection, consult with an HIV/AIDS knowledgeable physician and explore the options available with regards to your treatment regimen.

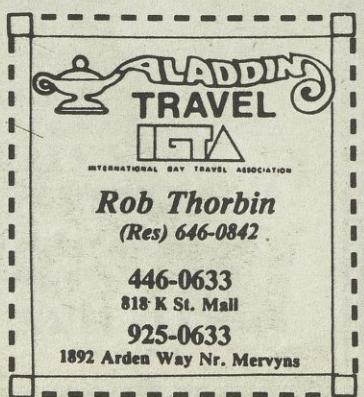
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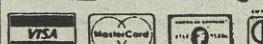
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represented a stronger showing for Migden and Achtenberg than politicos expected.

Pre-election polls showed only Achtenberg with narrowly enough voter support to win one of the five seats up for grabs in the election. In addition, two popular incumbent supervisors, Doris Ward and Bill Maher, were also up for re-election with Ward, a progressive, winning the number one spot to become the Board's first black president, and Maher coming in a close second.

Ron Braithwaite, co-chair of the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, said on the day following the election returns, "Yesterday was a historic day for our community. There is no city in America for gay men and lesbians like San Francisco."

The election of Migden and Achtenberg also breaks the "gay seat" barrier that has



Roberta Achtenberg, Del Martin, Phyllis Lyon, Donna Hitchens.

prevented previous attempts by gay candidates to win more than the one Board seat held by Britt. The election of the two also put lesbians visibly in the forefront of the City's active lesbian/gay political community.

Unlike this year's domestic partners proposal, the 1989 version that was unanimously

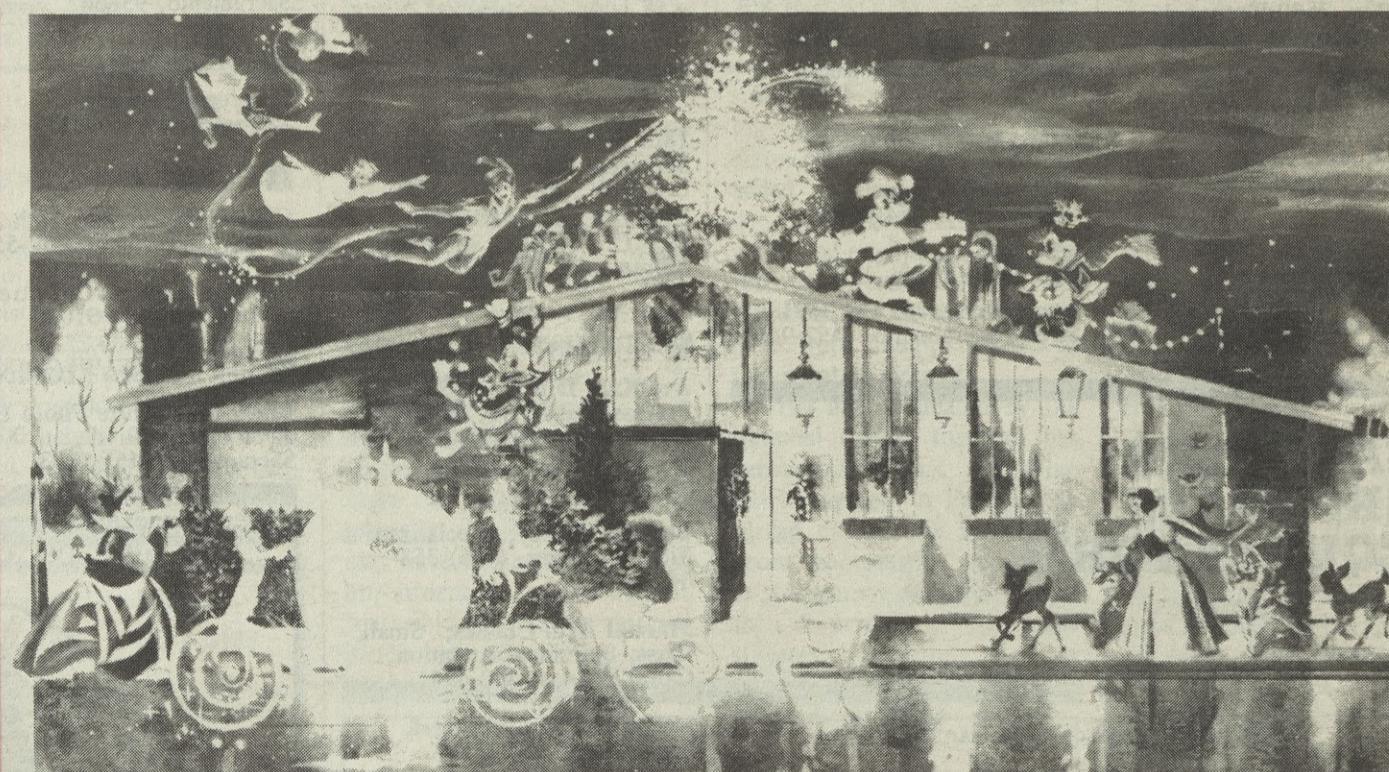
passed by the Board before being forced to an election repeal last year's legislation would have extended health care and leave benefits to municipal workers in registered partnerships. The current Prop. K partners initiative offers no such benefits and simply allows City residents to register their relationships

through the city clerk's office.

Also elected in Tuesday's race was openly gay school board candidate Tom Ammiano, a popular comic and AIDS education counselor, who also garnered more votes than any of the nine other candidates to win one of three vacant seats on the City's Board of Education.

The "lavender sweep" in the Nov. 6 election was largely the result of an aggressive campaign in the City's lesbian/gay districts to register new voters - some 10,000 in all - and to get out the vote in those districts. "They must have turned out every gay body in the City," pollster David Binder said.

The strong victory of lesbian and gay candidates along with the passage of a domestic partners ordinance here, after a string of setbacks during the past five elections, should clearly re-establish "the City that knows how" as the gay - and now lesbian - capital of America.



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